



SECURITY



SECURE NORTH AMERICA FROM EXTERNAL THREATS

TRAVELLER SECURITY
CARGO SECURITY
BIOPROTECTION



Traveller Security

Traveller Security: Develop and implement consistent outcomes with compatible processes for screening prior to departure from a foreign port and at the first port of entry to North America

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop and implement equivalent biometric standards and systems to enhance security for passports, visas, permanent resident cards, transportation credentials and other border documents.	<p>We are committed to preventing travellers who pose criminal or security threats from travelling to North America.</p> <p>Through biometric technology, our governments will be able to more securely streamline the flow of travellers destined to North America.</p> <p>Biometrics will enable our governments to issue to citizens and residents passports and other travel documents that are highly resistant to fraud or counterfeit and meet relevant requirements for travel within and to North America. This will then better protect the identities of North Americans from theft or misuse.</p>	<p>Test technology and develop recommendations within 12 months to enhance the use of biometrics in screening travellers destined to North America, with a view to developing compatible biometric border and immigration systems.</p> <p>Develop standards for lower-cost secure proof of status and nationality documents to facilitate cross-border travel, and work to achieve optimal production before January 1, 2008.</p> <p>With a view to achieving compatible standards across all relevant transportation programs, develop a strategy to coordinate background checks, credential recognition and document security standards within 36 months.</p> <p>Devise a single, integrated, global enrolment program for North American trusted travellers (e.g. NEXUS, FAST, SENTRI) for travel by air, land and sea within 36 months.</p> <p>Negotiate a Canada-U.S. visa information-sharing agreement within 18 months.</p>

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Develop and implement compatible immigration security measures to enhance North American security, including requirements for admission and length of stay; visa decision-making standards; lookout systems; and examining the feasibility of entry and exit procedures and systems.	<p>A compatible visa process, including convergence of our visa-free travel programs, is an important tool to screen travellers before they embark for North America. We will synthesize information and trend analysis in making decisions about visa-free travel to North America.</p> <p>Coordinating bilateral efforts will detect and disrupt illegal migration trends in their source and transit countries overseas.</p>	<p>Develop benchmarks related to procedures and policies for visitor visa processing, including security screening, visa validity, and length of stay within 9 months.</p> <p>Direct and institutionalize consultation among consular and visa security officials of Canada, the United States and Mexico within 9 months.</p> <p>Coordinate the deployment of Canadian and U.S. immigration officers overseas to enhance efforts to disrupt illegal migration trends destined to North America within 21 months.</p> <p>Develop a reciprocal mechanism to inform visa-free travel program country reviews within 12 months.</p>
Work to ensure compatibility of systems to share data on high-risk travellers and examine the feasibility of a real-time information-sharing program on high-risk travellers to provide for risk management decisions on travellers destined to or transiting North America.	In partnership with the transportation industry, we are working to identify and screen out high-risk travellers flying to and within North America.	<p>Finalize protocols and implementation of data exchanges on high-risk travellers using compatible advance passenger information systems within 12 months.</p> <p>Canada and the United States to explore the feasibility of a process within 12 months that can make risk management decisions (board/no board) about travellers destined to or transiting through North America.</p> <p>Developing compatible criteria for the posting of lookouts of suspected terrorists and criminals within 9 months.</p>



Cargo Security

Cargo Security: Develop and implement compatible screening methods for goods and cargo prior to departure from a foreign port and at the first point of entry to north america

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop and expand upon our joint public-private partnerships to secure the supply chain of goods arriving in North America, and to expedite the movement of low-risk goods within North America.	Our supply chain will be better secured by leveraging the skills and resources of the private sector, while concurrently streamlining the movement of low-risk goods.	<p>Develop targets to increase percentage of FAST/Expres shipments at agreed upon FAST/Expres locations, including joint marketing activities within 12 months and annually thereafter.</p> <p>Make compatible U.S.-Canada requirements for participation in Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and Partnership in Protection (PIP) within 36 months.</p>

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Develop compatible standards, technologies and processes for intermodal supply chain security that emphasize risk management, a layered approach to supply chain security, and the expedited movement of low-risk commerce.	Working together, we will increase the effectiveness of screening goods entering North America through a wide range of initiatives to better target high-risk cargo while moving other shipments more quickly.	<p>Evaluate within 6 months and seek to expand within 18 months the use of E-manifest.</p> <p>Develop recommendations for compatible risk targeting and inspection regimes for cargo arriving by air, land and sea within 18 months.</p> <p>Within 6 months, initiate a five-year Canada-U.S. program to work toward harmonization of automated commercial information systems, including advance interdepartmental reporting and the “single window” concept for other government departments’ and agencies’ requirements.</p> <p>Develop and implement a U.S.-Mexico cargo initiative that includes the implementation of the 24-hour rule, exchange of cargo manifest data, and joint security targeting.</p> <p>Develop appropriate linkages, including officer exchanges among Canadian, Mexican and U.S. customs agencies, to ensure analysis of cargo data and appropriate sharing of information on high-risk shipments.</p> <p>Within 18 months of adoption, promote the implementation of the World Customs Organization Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade through capacity building and technical assistance for lesser developed customs administrations.</p>

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INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Ensure compatible national and international export control systems and ensure that North American countries are not used to divert sensitive American, Canadian or Mexican goods or technologies to mutually agreed upon prohibited countries or end-users.	We are committed to preventing sensitive technologies and goods from falling into the wrong hands and are directing efforts to enforce applicable laws while supporting secure and vigorous trade.	<p>Establish a formal mechanism for ongoing dialogue on dual-use export control issues, including export control standards within 12 months.</p> <p>Develop a plan to enhance export control compliance outreach within 12 months.</p> <p>Assess options to make more compatible U.S. and Canadian export controls including issues of fraudulent transshipment or illicit diversion of “controlled” goods within 21 months.</p> <p>U.S. and Mexico will develop and implement a system within 9 months to identify subject goods through their mechanism to exchange/cross-check data on southbound and northbound shipments.</p>
Develop and phase in a plan to control the import and export of nuclear and radioactive materials consistent with IAEA radioactive source guidelines.	Protecting North America’s residents from misuse of high-risk nuclear and radiological materials is important for all three governments. Together we are working to better control the movement of these high-risk materials in, through and out of North America.	<p>Within 18 months, implement import-export controls on radioactive sources including notification on cross-border transfers, ensuring that these materials are used for peaceful purposes only (U.S.-Canada to implement consistent with G-8 commitments).</p> <p>Over the next 36 months, complete installation of radiation detection equipment at major commercial and passenger ports of entry into North America to prevent the smuggling of nuclear/radiological materials.</p>



Bioprotection

Bioprotection: Develop and implement a North American bioprotection strategy to assess, prevent, protect, detect and respond to intentional as well as applicable naturally occurring threats to public health and the food and agriculture system

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Undertake joint threat and vulnerability assessments and joint exercises within the public health and the food and agriculture systems.	In order to best protect our citizens against threats to our public health, food and agriculture systems, we must identify vulnerabilities to these systems.	<p>Within 30 months, share current threat and vulnerability assessment methodology and overview information for the food and agriculture systems, and undertake joint threat and vulnerability assessments where there are gaps or areas where improvement or greater clarity are required.</p> <p>Through ongoing testing and exercises, implement within 18 months Continuity of Operation plans for infectious disease control and containment.</p>
Draft and sign protocols for mutual assistance and coordination in a cross-border emergency.	Mutual assistance and support in a cross-border public health emergency will enhance our combined resources and expertise to protect our citizens in a more timely and appropriate manner.	<p>Draft and sign protocols for mutual assistance and support within 24 months to maximize our abilities to respond to cross-border public health emergencies by providing a framework for the orderly deployment of emergency assistance.</p> <p>Share plans within 9 months for isolation and quarantine during a transborder infectious disease outbreak.</p> <p>Within 12 months, examine the feasibility of a tracking and control system for monitoring the movement of dangerous human pathogens within North America.</p> <p>Within 9 months, adopt a common position on guidance to international transport organizations regarding the transport of diagnostic materials and samples.</p>

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Share strategies for the stockpiling and distribution of human and animal countermeasures.	We will be better prepared to provide our citizens with vaccines and antidotes when needed.	<p>Within 6 months, complete evaluation of the number of animal vaccine doses our countries should stockpile.</p> <p>Work cooperatively within multilateral health forums to finalize operational frameworks and the implementation of global smallpox vaccine reserves within 9 months.</p>
Work in a coordinated fashion to implement a regime to identify, assess and mitigate the risk of intentional threats to our animals, plants and food products into and within North America.	Developing a coordinated strategy to mitigate threats to the animal, plant and food supply will enhance the safety and reliability of our food supply.	<p>Within 24 months, develop a coordinated strategy to identify and manage threats to our food supply and agricultural sectors, building upon successful customs processes and consistent with each country's legislation, and, within 9 months, share approaches to determining risk from imported foods.</p>
Develop information-sharing agreements on enforcement activities and emergencies.	Developing protocols gives us the necessary tools to identify, prevent and respond to threats to public health and our agri-food systems in their early stages.	<p>Within 24 months, identify and address impediments to information exchanges.</p> <p>Within 9 months, develop mechanisms and criteria to provide early notification of recalls of products that may pose health risks.</p> <p>Within 24 months, improve trilateral procedures to share information in a timely fashion during food and agriculture emergencies.</p> <p>Plan and test binational infrastructure for 24/7/365 early warning case reporting.</p>

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Enhance human, animal, and plant health surveillance by developing interoperable systems to rapidly detect and monitor infectious diseases in these populations.	Strengthening interoperability of our public health surveillance systems throughout our three countries will give us the tools to more rapidly respond to and avert the further spread of infectious diseases.	<p>Within 9 months, launch a workshop on cross-border early warning infectious disease surveillance to share solutions to common problems and exchange best practices.</p> <p>Within 12 months, develop a North American plan to address pandemic influenza.</p> <p>Exchange information regarding research and evaluation of pandemic influenza clinical trials within 12 months.</p>
Enhance public health surveillance research by linking public health laboratories within North America and with food and agriculture laboratory networks.	By facilitating the communications between public health and food & agriculture laboratories, we will significantly enhance our overall health surveillance capabilities which will allow us to more effectively detect, deter and/or respond to potential health threats.	<p>Within 6 months, assess current laboratory infrastructure for electronic data-sharing capabilities.</p> <p>Enhance communication and cooperation among the three countries' laboratories within 21 months.</p> <p>Explore protocols toward creating early warning infectious disease surveillance systems that are interoperable along and across our shared borders within 24 months.</p>



PREVENT AND RESPOND TO THREATS WITHIN NORTH AMERICA

AVIATION SECURITY
MARITIME SECURITY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION
INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION
PROTECTION, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Aviation Security

Aviation Security: Develop and implement a strategy to establish equivalent approaches to aviation security for North America

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop, test, evaluate and implement a plan to establish comparable aviation passenger screening, and the screening of baggage and air cargo.	Establishing comparable standards for screening passengers, baggage and cargo strengthens and better coordinates the security of North American airspace and air travellers.	<p>Conclude a trilateral memorandum of cooperation within 12 months to formalize the role of the North American Aviation Trilateral (NAAT) in achieving the trilateral civil aviation security goals in the Security and Prosperity Partnership.</p> <p>Develop comparable operational procedures and training standards for government law enforcement officers acting in the capacity of In-Flight Security Officers in North America within 6 months.</p> <p>Within 36 months, improve the security of cargo transported on passenger and cargo aircraft through comparable screening and inspection protocols for inbound and outbound goods, and explore implementing an interoperable Known Shippers Data Base.</p> <p>Develop comparable standards and procedures within 24 months for hold baggage screening.</p> <p>Develop comparable standards and procedures within 24 months for passenger screening to increase aviation security.</p> <p>For aviation security purposes, each country has developed, is developing or may develop its own passenger assessment (no-fly) program for use on flights within, to or from that country to ensure that persons who pose a threat to aviation are monitored or denied boarding, within 24 months.</p>



Maritime Security

Maritime Security: Develop and implement a strategy to enhance North American maritime transportation and port security

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Collaborate in the enhancement of security of our ports and vessels through the conduct of equivalent threat, vulnerability and risk assessments and mutually recognized audit programs.	Our measures aim to identify and stop threats before they arrive in our North American waters and ensure that legitimate marine cargo is expeditiously managed upon its arrival at a North American port.	<p>Develop strategies for information sharing to create effective vessel and port facility security measures and harmonize their implementation within 9 months.</p> <p>Develop compatible strategies for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code and corresponding national regulations for security of offshore and at-sea infrastructure within 21 months.</p> <p>Develop a port and facility security audit program to benchmark security standards of North American and international facilities as well as for vessels that receive or carry international shipping within 9 months.</p> <p>Create a coordinating capability within 33 months to respond to maritime incidents and minimize the impact on maritime commerce.</p>

Maritime Security: Develop and implement a strategy to enhance North American maritime transportation and port security

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop and implement a plan to make compatible regulatory and operational maritime security regimes.	Creating a compatible maritime regulatory environment ensures a consistent approach to vessels and cargo destined to and within North American waters.	<p>Identify improvements to national and international regulatory frameworks within 21 months to enhance the security of the maritime transportation system, and develop a coordinated strategy to maintain and expand compatible national regulatory regimes and programs for private, commercial, pleasure and fishing vessels.</p> <p>Implement strategies for long-range tracking of vessels and enhanced coastal tracking of small vessels on international voyages within 33 months.</p> <p>Develop strategies for enhanced coordination of global maritime security intelligence efforts within 24 months.</p> <p>Develop a collaborative approach within 12 months in dealing with each country's flag vessels calling at one of the other countries' ports.</p>



Law Enforcement Cooperation

Law Enforcement Cooperation: Develop and implement a strategy for combatting transnational threats to the United States, Canada and Mexico

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	Key Milestones
<p>Improve information sharing and law enforcement cooperation among investigators and prosecutors to address illegal activities between ports of entry and cross-border organized crime, counterfeit goods, economic crimes, and trafficking of alcohol, firearms, illegal drugs and explosives.</p>	<p>Mexico, Canada and the United States are all affected by criminal organizations operating with disregard to national borders. All three nations will benefit from more effective investigation and subsequent prosecution of those criminal elements. The ability to cooperate more effectively, from simply enhancing information sharing to developing compatible procedures, will reduce violence in our communities and along the border and result in a more secure North America.</p> <p>Enhanced cooperation between our countries will advance our efforts to eliminate human trafficking, combat organized crime, and address the illegal movement of narcotics, dangerous chemicals and materials, and firearms.</p>	<p>Identify recommendations within 21 months to address significant legal restrictions to the sharing of investigative information.</p> <p>Undertake coordinated law enforcement efforts and improve information sharing to address financial crime and trade transparency within 24 months.</p> <p>Evaluate the co-location of Canada-U.S. Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) analysts in four pilot sites within 12 months.</p> <p>Continue vigorous U.S. and Mexican cooperation among immigration and fugitive arrest authorities as appropriate. Utilize the U.S.-Mexican Temporary Extradition Protocol for fugitives sought for prosecution in both jurisdictions within 21 months.</p> <p>Within 24 months, assess the threat and risk of criminal and terrorist activities on the St. Lawrence Seaway – Great Lakes systems and develop coordinated maritime law enforcement programs with a specific interest in interdicting smugglers/traffickers and ensuring border security.</p> <p>Within 18 months, form Mexico-U.S. intelligence-sharing task force pilots to target cross-border criminal activity, in particular criminal gang and trafficking organization networks.</p> <p>Within 18 months, enhance the international liaison officer network to facilitate intelligence sharing and analysis, and to assist competent authorities in criminal and security investigations.</p>

Law Enforcement Cooperation: Develop and implement a strategy for combatting transnational threats to the United States, Canada and Mexico

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	Key Milestones
		<p>Within 3 months, agree to seven specific Mexico-U.S. programs for the exchange of information to enable the detection and dismantling of criminal organizations engaged in sexual or labour exploitation, especially of children or women.</p> <p>Within 18 months, develop mutually supportive law enforcement mechanisms that lead to the rapid identification and successful prosecution of cyber-attackers.</p>
Review existing counter-terrorism efforts and coordination to maximize effectiveness, including analyzing past counter-terrorism investigations to identify best practices and lessons learned.	Addresses known vulnerabilities that pose a significant terrorist threat to each country's national security and protects the citizens of each nation through an integrated comprehensive North American response.	<p>Develop a comprehensive trilateral law enforcement strategy within 12 months to respond to any transnational terrorist incident in North America.</p> <p>Enhance cooperation on terrorist financing, seeking to complete ratification of the OAS Convention Against Terrorism within 18 months.</p>
Cooperate on issues of detention and removals to expedite the return of illegal migrants to their home countries.	Ensures that communities are safe from terrorists, dangerous criminals and gang members through an expedited removal process and contributes to the integrity of our respective immigration programs.	<p>Cooperate in obtaining travel documents from uncooperative countries for the return of their nationals.</p> <p>Renegotiate the U.S.-Canada Reciprocal Agreement for the Exchange of Deportees within 18 months.</p> <p>Expand Canada-U.S. joint removals operations.</p>



Intelligence Cooperation

Intelligence Cooperation: Enhance partnerships on intelligence related to North American security

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Enhance our capacity to combat terrorism through the appropriate sharing of terrorist watchlist data and the establishment of appropriate linkages between Canada, the United States and Mexico.	Effective sharing of intelligence and other information strengthens our capability to detect, deter and prevent acts of terrorism within and outside North America.	<p>The three countries will negotiate bilateral terrorist screening information-sharing agreements.</p> <p>Explore means to address and resolve gaps in cross-border information-sharing channels.</p> <p>Conduct joint analyses of the nature and scope of the terrorist threat to North America, to include the identification of areas of mutual concern and interdependency for analytical consideration within 9 months.</p>



Protection, Prevention and Response

Protection, Prevention and Response: Develop and implement a common approach to critical infrastructure protection and response to cross-border terrorist incidents and, as applicable, natural disasters

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop and implement compatible protective and response strategies and programs for shared critical infrastructure in mutually agreed priority areas (i.e. electricity generation and distribution, oil and gas pipelines, dams, telecommunications, transportation, nuclear, radiological, defence industrial base, and cyber systems).	<p>Protection of integrated North American infrastructures is crucial to the daily operation of our respective communities and national economies.</p> <p>Increasing the security stance of these infrastructures protects them from intentional malicious attack, which ensures that the goods and services that they furnish continue to be available to all our citizens.</p>	<p>Within 18 months, develop vulnerability assessment procedures and methodologies that are mutually acceptable.</p> <p>Over the next two years, prioritize critical infrastructure assets requiring vulnerability assessments, identify resources and begin conducting coordinated assessments.</p> <p>Facilitate among governments and critical infrastructure operators the sharing of best practices.</p>

Protection, Prevention and Response: Develop and implement a common approach to critical infrastructure protection and response to cross-border terrorist incidents and, as applicable, natural disasters

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Develop and implement joint plans for cooperation on incident response, and conduct joint training and exercises in emergency response.	Coordinated incident response plans will significantly enhance the three countries' ability to protect our citizens, minimize loss and damage to life and property, and restore basic services and commerce.	<p>Initiate planning within 6 months for a preparedness exercise to be conducted in advance of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver/Whistler.</p> <p>Develop a plan within 12 months to strengthen mechanisms for communicating and coordinating emergency response, including protocols for mutual assistance and cooperation in the event of natural and technological/industrial disasters or malicious acts.</p> <p>Within 12 months, participate in coordinated joint training and exercise programs leading to full-scale exercises.</p> <p>Within 12 months, develop an interoperable communication system to ensure appropriate coordination for Canada, U.S. and Mexico involving cross-border incident management.</p> <p>Within 12 months, develop coordinated business resumption protocols at the border in the event of a disaster and/or an increased alert level.</p> <p>Improve coordination of efforts in regional and multilateral forums within 18 months to strengthen incident response goals in cyber-security.</p> <p>Share plans within 6 months to communicate with private transportation interests to provide timely updates in the event of incidents.</p>



*FURTHER STREAMLINE THE SECURE MOVEMENT OF LOW-RISK
TRAFFIC ACROSS OUR SHARED BORDERS*

**BORDER FACILITATION
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION**



Border Facilitation

Border Facilitation: build capacity and improve the legitimate flow of people and cargo at ports of entry within North America

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
<p>Improve the efficiency of existing border infrastructure and reduce transit times by expanding low-risk facilitation programs such as NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST.</p> <p>Work with the private sector, states and provinces, as well as local governments, to develop new border capacity to meet long-term demand.</p>	<p>Long wait times and traffic congestion at our borders represent a cost to our economies and an unnecessary burden on legitimate trade and passengers crossing the borders.</p> <p>Developing an infrastructure and transportation investment plan will allow all three countries to complement our future public spending and provide our border users with well-planned border and transportation improvements on each of the borders.</p> <p>As trade continues to increase, we will improve our infrastructure along the borders to facilitate the increasing volume of traffic and heightened demand for secure and efficient movement across the border.</p> <p>Our governments will promote the secure and efficient flow of legitimate trade and travel.</p>	<p>Expand the SENTRI program to San Ysidro (CA) / Tijuana; Calexico (CA) / Mexicali (BC); Nogales (AZ) / Nogales (SON); El Paso (TX) / Cd. Juarez (CHIH); Laredo (TX) / Nuevo Laredo (SON); Brownsville (TX) / Matamoros (TAMPS) within 12 months.</p> <p>Expand FAST sites to priority border crossings at Santa Teresa (NM) / Cd. Juarez (CHIH); Rio Grande City (TX) / Camargo (TAMPS); Tecate CA) / Tecate (BC); Douglas (AZ) / Agua Prieta (SON); San Luis (AZ) / San Luis Rio Colorado (SON); Eagle Pass (TX) / Piedras Negras (COAH); and Del Rio (TX) / Cd. Acuna (COAH) within 6 months.</p> <p>Develop a plan within 6 months for the expansion of the Vancouver NEXUS-Air pilot within North America, and examine the feasibility of expanding the eligibility for NEXUS-Air to include Mexican nationals.</p> <p>In partnership with stakeholders, reduce transit times by 25% at the Windsor-Detroit gateway within 6 months and explore expanding the 25% Challenge to other North American land border crossings within 18 months.</p> <p>Complete negotiations of a formal Canada-U.S. land preclearance agreement within 6 months, with implementation of two land preclearance pilots, contingent on legislative amendments.</p> <p>Assess the feasibility of further streamlining FAST processing at ports of entry within 18 months ("green lanes").</p> <p>Develop and deploy an accurate system for measuring and reporting border transit times within 36 months.</p>

Border Facilitation: build capacity and improve the legitimate flow of people and cargo at ports of entry within North America

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
		<p>Convert SENTRI lanes to NEXUS lanes at U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry within 18 months.</p> <p>Complete a review of our transportation and border facility needs and identify priorities within 24 months, and then in partnership with state and provincial partners, develop an implementation plan to prioritize future infrastructure investments by 2008.</p>
<p>Work with the private sector, states and provinces, as well as local governments, to construct new border infrastructure to meet long-term demand, to include building a low-risk port of entry to expedite the secure movement of cargo across the border.</p>	<p>Expanding border infrastructure will maximize the potential of current low-risk programs such as FAST, NEXUS and SENTRI. It will also better support the increased trade resulting from NAFTA and will expedite the security processing of all cross-border trade and travel.</p>	<p>Begin construction of additional FAST/Expres lanes in Nogales, AZ – Nogales, SON within 6 months.</p> <p>Within 24 months, investigate the feasibility of a pilot program to convert an existing port of entry in Texas to the exclusive use of low-risk cargo and passengers, as well as consider building a new low-risk port of entry pilot at Otay Mesa.</p> <p>Within 12 months, complete feasibility study of extending FAST/Expres to air and sea modes to provide expedited security processing at the first port of entry into North America of identified low-risk shipments.</p>



Science and Technology Cooperation

Science and Technology Cooperation: Identify, develop and deploy new technologies to advance our shared security goals and promote the legitimate flow of people and goods across our borders

INITIATIVE	HOW IT BENEFITS NORTH AMERICA	KEY MILESTONES
Continue incorporating hi-tech equipment along the U.S.-Mexico border for the efficient and secure flow of people and goods, and continue identifying appropriate sites for its deployment.	Leveraging our respective scientific and technological expertise toward innovative solutions makes our border more efficient and secure.	<p>Identify and assess possible technology-based solutions for tightening border security and facilitating low-risk travel at North America's external border.</p> <p>Hold a workshop on the topic of agricultural terrorism addressing issues including food security across borders and research associated with foreign animal disease (e.g. foot and mouth disease).</p>
Establish a joint research and development program for security-related science and technology based on priorities established through a coordinated risk assessment.	Harnessing the science and engineering resources of Canada and the United States helps create the innovative technology capabilities required to enhance the safety and security of both nations.	<p>Through the Canada-U.S. Public Security Technical Program (PSTP), cooperate in public safety-related research, development, testing, evaluation and deployment of technologies.</p> <p>Approve and implement cooperative projects that address prioritized technology gaps for border security, biosecurity, critical infrastructure protection and counter-terrorism.</p>